




***SUBJECT: Supporting Testimony for Council Resolution 22-2009***

TO: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Gary Arthur, Director   
Department of Recreation & Parks

DATE: April 27, 2009

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
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The department of Recreation and Parks is pleased to provide testimony in support of Council Resolution 22-2009. This is the first time we have proposed a land transfer to resolve an encroachment violation and we want to be clear that it will only be requested when removal of the encroachment is a severe hardship, natural areas are not impacted and the homeowners agree to pay all costs and fines associated with the resolution. In this case we are exchanging mowed grass for mowed grass and the homeowners are paying all costs in addition to a \$200 civil penalty. Even though it is the responsibility of the homeowners to be in compliance with all County codes and Regulations we feel it is appropriate to show good faith in working with them by requesting this transaction. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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